INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION 302 W. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE E-306 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204-2764



IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION)	
INVESTIGATION AND GENERIC PROCEEDING)	AUG 2 6 2003
OF RATES AND UNBUNDLED NETWORK)	
ELEMENTS AND COLLOCATION FOR INDIANA)	CAUSE NO. 423 NO IANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, INCORPORATED)	WEGOTAWKI COMMISSION
d/b/a SBC INDIANA PURSUANT TO THE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 AND)	
RELATED INDIANA STATUTES)	

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") makes the following entry in this Cause:

In accordance with the parties' agreement, memorialized in a Commission Prehearing Conference Order issued April 23, 2003, this Cause is scheduled for an Evidentiary Hearing to commence on September 22, 2003, with five consecutive days set aside to complete the Evidentiary Hearing. To date, approximately twenty witnesses have prefiled a substantial amount of testimony in this proceeding. In an effort to ensure that the Evidentiary Hearing is conducted as efficiently as possible, the Presiding Officers have adopted the following procedures to be followed in this Cause.

- 1. All parties should discuss among themselves and agree upon the order in which the direct, responsive, and/or reply or rebuttal testimony of each witness will be offered into the record at the Evidentiary Hearing, followed by cross-examination. The parties should strive, to the extent possible, to present witnesses in an order that allows for the separate and complete presentation of evidence relevant to each of the major topics (EG: cost of capital, depreciation) addressed in this Cause. Such an orderly presentation of issues will assist the decision-makers in this proceeding. In addition, and keeping the established time frame for completion of the Evidentiary Hearing in mind, the appropriate parties should estimate the amount of time needed to cross-examine each witness. An agreed order of witnesses with estimated times for cross-examination should be filed with the Commission and served on all parties on or before September 17, 2003.
- 2. To the extent the parties are able to stipulate to the admissibility of any testimony and/or waive cross examination of any witnesses, that information should be included in the filing required in paragraph No. 1 above.
- 3. The intervening parties collectively, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Incorporated ("SBC Indiana"), and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer

Counselor ("Public") should, to the extent possible, decide upon one or a very limited number of counsel to conduct cross-examination of any one witness. The Presiding Officers will expect counsel to report on this issue the day the Evidentiary Hearing commences.

- 4. Any corrections that a witness desires to make to his or her prefiled testimony should be made by filing the corrections with the Commission and serving copies on all parties on or before September 17, 2003.
- 5. Unless the existence of an objection is necessarily dependent upon the response to a preliminary question, any objection to the admissibility of any prefiled testimony should be filed with the Commission and served on all parties on or before September 17, 2003.
- Prior to closing the Evidentiary Hearing, the Presiding Officers plan to allow SBC Indiana, the intervening parties collectively, and the Public, in that order, a maximum of ten minutes each to present closing summations of their respective cases.
- 7. While it is rare for the Commission to suggest a structure for proposed orders, our commitment to issue an Order in this Cause by the end of this year makes such a suggestion appropriate. Following the standard, introductory components of an order, such as background information, jurisdiction and notice, we would like for proposed orders to include an explanation of the TELRIC standard based on FCC Orders and any judicial decisions that have ruled on the FCC standard. In keeping with the above request to order the presentation of evidence by general topic, proposed orders should be structured in a similar manner, with reference to general or policy testimony and exhibits coming first, followed by reference to testimony and exhibits that separately address each of the major topics. parties should discuss among themselves and agree upon a consistent organizational and topical outline for proposed orders, including consistent titles/topics within a consistent numbering scheme for the sections, paragraphs, etc., to be included in the proposed orders. Proposed orders with topical and organizational consistency will allow Commission staff, as well as the parties, to readily compare and contrast proposals regarding the same issues. An agreedupon outline for proposed orders should be filed with the Commission and served on all parties on or before September 17, 2003.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Larry S. Landrs, Commissioner

William G. Divine, Administrative Law Judge

Date

Nancy E. Manley, Secretary to the Commission